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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. ANDRES BEREND

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1. THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT SERVICES STAFF, OED, DISCUSSED DR. BEREND'S PLANNED VISIT AND INTERESTS WITH MR. LEON WEBBER OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES, RIVERHEAD, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK. MR. WEBBER INDICATED HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE DR. BERENDS WHEN HE VISITS AND TO ARRANGE FOR HIM TO SEE SOME OF THE FACILITIES IN RIVERHEAD. HOWEVER, HE HAS ADVISED THAT THE POTATO STORAGE FACILITIES IN THE NEW YORK AREA ARE NOT AS MECHANIZED AS THOSE IN LARGER POTATO PRODUCING STATES SUCH AS IDAHO AND WASHINGTON. ALSO, THE MAJOR COMPANIES WHICH SET UP SUCH FACILITIES ARE NOT LOCATED IN NEW YORK AREA. MR. WEBBER WANTED TO KNOW THE SIZE OF THE FACILITIES CONTEMPLATED FOR VENEZUELA.

2. AFTER DISCUSSING THE AFOREMENTIONED WITH DR. BEREND AND IF HE STILL PREFERS HIS VISIT TO BE LIMITED TO NEW YORK STATE, WE SUGGEST HE PLAN TRIP AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SINCE NEW YORK SUPPLIES OF POTATOES ARE BEING RAPIDLY DEPLETED.

3. SHOULD DR. BEREND WISH TO VISIT IDAHO OR WASHINGTON, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIM. KISSINGER
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